THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Eight.

" (*b*) There are no officers designated as 'Chief Fire Brigadiers' in the Fire Service Branch. Each Fire Station is in charge of a Sub-Officer.

" (*c*) & (*d*) A statement[a] showing the number of fire-fighting appliances and ambulances in each Fire Station and the personnel provided with quarters is placed on the table of the House."

Changing the name of 'Udaiyarpalayam taluk' into 'Jayankondan taluk.'

* 1257 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 360, dated 7th April 1953—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of changing the name of 'Udaiyarpalayam taluk' into 'Jayankondan taluk'; and

(*b*) if so, the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government have decided that there are no strong reasons for changing the name of the taluk to Jayankondan."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the request for the alteration of the name from Udaiyarpalayam into Jayankondan is supported by historical facts, as that town seems to have been named originally after an illustrious Shola King by name Jayankondan? Will the Government make the desired change in the name of the place? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" But the more popular name seems to be Udaiyarpalayam."

Health assistants in Malabar.

* 1258 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many male and female health assistants are working in Malabar ;

(*b*) the services of how many of them have been regularised ;

(*c*) how many of them have undergone the sanitary course; and

(*d*) whether any stipend was given to them while undergoing that course?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 481–482 infra.